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B.C.G. Vaccination in Badagara.

* 928 *Q.*—SRI K. MOIDU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have appointed any Special Health Officers for the B.C.G. vaccination for Badagara in Kurumbranad taluk ; and

(*b*) if not, why?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) The B.C.G. vaccination in Badagara will be done, when its turn comes, by the Special staff appointed by Government in connection with the introduction of mass B.C.G. vaccination in the State."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" Sir, what are the terms under which T.B. patients or suspected patients are treated? I am putting this question because I understand that patients have been treated and when they show signs of recovery they are asked to get medicine for themselves. Will the Government give them complete treatment or are patients entitled only to a limited number of injections? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" B.C.G. vaccination is given only as a preventive measure. After Tuberculin test has been carried out, it is not given to actual T.B. patients."

Overbridge near Cannanore Railway Station

* 929 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the railway authorities have approached the Government with a request for a grant or subsidy for the construction of an overbridge on the Cannanore-Baliapatam road in place of the railway gate very near to the Cannanore Railway Station ; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken on their request?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) Does not arise.

Institute of Technology, Chromepet, Madras

* 930 *Q.*—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are giving any educational grant to the Madras Institute of Technology, Chromepet, Madras ; and

(*b*) if so, how much?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The Institute has not been admitted to aid or grant under the

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Grant-in-Aid Code. The Government are however giving an annual recurring block grant of Rs. 10,000 to the Institute from 1953-54."

Retrenchment of Forest Guards

* 931 *Q.*—Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many, if any, Forest Guards have been retrenched in 1954 from the Wynaad Division and why; and

(*b*) the total monthly salary paid to all these retrenched hands together?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Twenty-nine Forest Guards were ordered to be retrenched with effect from 1st December 1954 in the Wynaad Forest Division. The Conservator of Forests, Ootacamund Circle, considered that the staff sanctioned for the division was surplus to requirements. The orders of retrenchment have however been stayed and the matter is under consideration.

" (*b*) Rs. 1,266-8-0."

Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" What are the reasons for these Forest Guards being ordered to be retrenched? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The obvious reasons are that there was no need for as many as 29 Guards more."

Alleged murder of the brother of one C. M. Kelappan

11-40 a.m. * 932 *Q.*—Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received a memorandum, dated 5th November 1954, from one Chathoth Meethal Kelappan of Villiapalli, Badagara, North Malabar, regarding the manner of investigation into the alleged murder of his brother on 28th October 1954 at Ponneri village; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Unfortunately even yesterday some of the Ministers were saying that the memorandum was addressed to the Members of the Assembly and that only a copy of it was sent to the Ministers. But I received only a copy of the memorandum addressed to the Chief Minister. In it, it is stated that the person is said to have committed suicide by hanging from a beam which is 4½ feet high from the floor whereas the